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comparing a recording time of said still picture data with said first recording time stored in said still picture group management information corresponding to the still picture group belonging to said still picture data; and

if said recording time is earlier than said first recording time, replacing the content of said first recording time by said recording time and recording thereof.

2. (amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

comparing a recording time of said still picture data with said last recording times stored in said still picture group management information corresponding to the still picture group belonging to said still picture data ; and

if said recording time is later than said last recording time, replacing the content of said last recording time by said recording time and recording thereof.

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5. (amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing thereon a procedure for controlling a computer to record still picture data and still picture group management information for managing N still picture data as a still picture group onto a storage medium, where N is an integer number equal to or larger than one, wherein said still picture group management information includes a first recording time at which the still picture data in said still picture group was recorded first and a last recording time at which the still picture data in said still picture group was recorded last, said procedure comprising the steps of:

comparing a recording time of said still picture data with said first recording time stored in said still picture group management information corresponding to the still picture group belonging to said still picture data; and

if said recording time is earlier than said first recording time, replacing the content of said first recording time by said recording time and recording thereof.

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6. (amended) A computer-readable storage medium according to claim 5, wherein said procedure further comprises the steps of:

comparing a recording time of said still picture data with said last recording times stored in said still picture group management information corresponding to the still picture group belonging to said still picture data; and

if said recording time is later than said last recording time, replacing the content of said last recording time by said recording time and recording thereof.

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--7. A method of recording still picture data and still picture group management information for managing and N still picture data as a still picture group onto a storage medium, where said N is an integer number equal to or greater than one, comprising the steps of:

recording a first recording time at which the still picture data in said still picture group was recorded first and a last recording time at which the still picture data in said still picture group was recorded last in said still picture group management information.--

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus for recording still picture data and still picture group management information for managing N still picture data as a still picture group onto a storage medium, N being an integer number equal to or larger than one. The still picture group management information includes a first recording time at which the still picture data in the still picture group was recorded first and a last recording